

FOSTER PARENTS WIN TEMPORARY CUSTODY OF CHILD

Mother Loses Fight For Daughter She Is Said to Have Once Abandoned.

A little girl, dressed in white, her golden hair tied with blue ribbon, was led into the chambers of Justice Alfred R. Page of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court to-day by Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Fezer, who asked, through their attorney, that the Justice sign a stay of the order recently granted by Justice Giegener directing them to return the child to her mother.

The girl was Louise Lentino, five years old. Her foster parents are Charles and Ida Fezer. They adopted her a year ago, when she was said to have been virtually abandoned by her mother, Mrs. Emma Lentino.

The Fezers, so the court was informed, live at No. 1326 Fulton Street, the Bronx, in an airy, four-room apartment and the child's mother lives in a rear tenement at No. 33 Spencer Street, Brooklyn, for which she pays \$7 a month rent and

keeps lodgers. Seven persons occupy the two rooms, it is said.

Agents for the Bronx branch of the Children's Society testified that the surroundings of the child's mother were squalid in the extreme and not to be compared with those of the Fezers.

George M. Curtis of No. 31 Chambers Street, attorney for the Fezers, told Justice Page that a year ago Mrs. Lentino had signed a note agreeing to give the child into the care of the Fezers, "as I do not care for her or love her." Later, the attorney said, his clients adopted the child, and then Mrs. Lentino came forward with a claim for the girl, saying that she had been under the influence of liquor when she signed the note abandoning her rights as mother.

Curtis also asserted that Lentino, the child's stepfather, is now serving a term in Sing Sing for larceny, and that another indictment is pending against him. Justice Page signed the stay, which will operate to keep the child in the possession of her adopted parents until the case can be heard at the October term.

HEALTH PLAY SCHOOLS OPEN

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Summer Health Play Schools opened to-day at five centres with an attendance of about 1,000 children. The play schools, organized by the Federation for Child Study, of which Mrs. Howard S. Gans is President, furnish the children a daily balanced luncheon and during the afternoon serve bread and milk. All the children attending were reported to be considerably below normal weight, while 30 per cent. were said to need dental attention and 60 per cent. to be suffering from enlarged or diseased tonsils. The pupils, most of whom are children of women who work, pay 10 cents a day.

MUST EXPLAIN PISTOL.

Lieut. Wanderer and Two Others Arrested in Chicago.

CHICAGO, July 7.—Lieutenant Carl Wanderer, whose wife was killed in the vestibule of their apartment building several weeks ago, presumably by a man whom Wanderer killed in a pistol duel that followed, was arrested last night, with his brother-in-law and cousin, pending a further investigation of the case. The police assert they have evidence that the pistol found beside the dead man had been borrowed by Lieutenant Wanderer from his cousin a few days before the shooting.



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